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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

31. (New) A portable communication apparatus having a display section and a key operation section on one side of a housing, the key operation section comprising:

a first key section including a selection key pad which is used to select a desired information item from a plurality of information items displayed in the section, and an execution key used to executed the desired information item selected by the selection key pad; and

a second key section including a ten key pad, wherein the first key section and the second key section are provided close to each other and are disposed immediately below the display section, and

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